

HILLMEN WIN HOCKEY GAME WITH CORNELL

Continentials Score 7-1 During Fast Game Saturday

HILL DEFENSE GOOD

Ferry Scores Four Goals; Jones, Massoth, Smith One Apiece

The Hamilton hockey team displayed a deceptive change of pace and a varied offense to down the fighting Cornell pucksters Saturday evening in the Sage Building Arena by a decisive 7-1 margin, the biggest total that the Hillmen have run up in hockey for several years. To show how unusual such a score is, the figures on the score board go only to six.

While both of Cornell's front lines put up a determined fight, their defense failed at the most critical times, allowing the Continentals to slip through on several solos to score unassisted. Captain Carl Ferry accounted for four of the Hill goals while Bill Jones, Harry Massoth and Gorham Smith each sank one apiece.

The first tally came in the opening canto when Ferry caged the disk unassisted in 4:25. Nine minutes later Bill Jones slapped the puck toward the goal where it slipped off the Cornell goalie's skate into the net in 13:39. The period ended with the score 2-0 in Hamilton's favor.

Cornell opened the second period with a spirited drive which yielded them a tally in 4:41 when Simpson, right wing for the visitors, slipped the puck past Baker. Some ten minutes later Hamilton retaliated when Harry Massoth, on a

Civic Orchestra To Give Concert

Continuing its season of highly successful concerts, the Civic Musical Society will present another evening of classical music in Our Lady of Lourdes Auditorium in Utica on Tuesday, March 5. The program will open with the "Lalo Symphonie Espagnole," followed by the Prelude "Liebestod" from the opera "Tristan and Isolde," "Moldau" by Smetana, and the overture to "Tannhauser."

Professor Berrian R. Shute, who has conducted many highly successful and entertaining evenings of such genuinely great music and who is a familiar figure on such occasions, will again conduct the orchestra, which includes Prof. A. P. Saunders, and Dr. G. H. Cameron, members of the Hamilton College faculty; Frank B. Eracito Jr., and John D. Dale, both '36; C. Russell Phelps and Philip E. Higinbotham, both '37.

Frank J. Clark Jr. '37, who opens the program with the "Lalo Symphonie Espagnole," is a well-known violinist among Uticans as well as Hill audiences. Having studied with Secvick, an eminent violinist and teacher of New York City, and won many various music scholarships, Clark has attained for himself the reputation of being a skilled musician. The Prelude "Liebestod," or Love's Death, is a part of the great opera "Tristan und Isolde," one of Richard Wagner's musical dramas, and is to be sung by Mrs. Cook, soprano, of Utica. "Moldau," a tone poem by Smetana, was written about the River Moldau, and contains the well-known "Polka," a peasant dance of rustic gaiety. The overture to "Tannhauser" is the last selection on the program. It is one of Wagner's most famous compositions and contains the ever-living "Pilgrim's Chorus."

The entire program is composed of music of the highest quality and is extremely well-balanced not only in the type of selections but in the variety of the composers. An unusual opportunity and privilege is offered to all lovers of classical music in the presentation of such works as "Moldau" which is equally as beautiful as the more commonly heard compositions of great musicians.

Try Vagabonding

Professor Chase
February 27 at 10:30: Greek Terra Cottas (illustrated)

Professor Shute
February 27 at 1:30: Brahms' Second Symphony
March 1 at 10:30 and 1:30: Seventeenth Century Music

Professor Ristine
February 28 at 9:30: Christopher Marlowe.

Professor Rudd
March 2 at 10:30: Oscar Wilde.

Professor Bonham
February 27 and March 1, at 8:30, "The Genesis of the Dominion of Canada"

HILL SWORDSMEN DEFEAT DREW BY SCORE OF 22 TO 5

Buff and Blue Fencers Take Eight of Sabre, All Foils Bouts

The Continental fencing team conquered Drew University in the gymnasium Saturday afternoon by a score of 22 to five. Although having emerged victorious from a meet with Colgate Friday night, the Green and Gold team proved far inferior to the Buff and Blue in all departments of the game except the epee. Captain Montrose, Judson Hall, Henry Green, all '35, and David Basten and Byron Johnson, both '36, shared equal honors by winning the entire three of their respective bouts.

Paul Bremer, Hamilton's hitherto undefeated three-weapon man, broke his string of victories in his first bout, when Wilson of Drew eked out a 2-1 decision. Bremer then redeemed himself by taking his next two epee and his two sabre bouts by safe margins. Wilson, himself previously undefeated, bowed to Dave Basten's fine form; Basten was not touched in his three epee bouts.

The Hamilton fencers made a clean sweep of the foils bouts. Montrose, Dale and Hall exhibited excellent form in walking away from the Drew men with comparative ease. Montrose defeated Captain Van Gilder, Lacey, and Senior by scores of 5-2, 5-3, and 5-0; these same fencers bowed to Dale, 5-3, 5-2, and 5-0. Hall triumphed over Van Gilder and Senior by 5-1 and 5-2 scores respectively, and also came out on the top end of a 5-4 bout with Herslow, Drew's student coach, who substituted himself for Lacey in the final foils bout. The Buff and Blue foils team appeared much improved over last week's showing, as evidenced by the score.

In the epee division Bremer lost to Wilson, 2-1, and then defeated Gungel and Smith, 2-1, and 2-0. Basten won his bouts with the three Drew men by 2-0 scores. Durkee lost a close one to Smith, and Branch dropped his bouts with Wilson and Gungel by 2-1 decisions, giving the Hillmen a 5-4 victory in epee and a lead of 14-4.

Johnson was touched only three (Continued on Page Four)

Basketeers to Play Season's Last Game

Next Saturday evening the Buff and Blue basketball team travels to the University of Rochester, where they will play the Yellow Jackets in a return game, which will end the season for the Continental basketeers. It will be the last game of their careers for Captain Bill Weld, Hugh Jones, and Jerry Snyder, around whom Coach Mox Weber has built his team for the past two seasons. In the first game played between Rochester and Hamilton this year, Hamilton came off the winner, 57-28. Although Rochester has been defeated twice by Union, 42-32, and then 35-30, the Yellow Jackets crushed Alleghany last week, who in turn tripped up Hamilton. Saturday evening Colgate was victorious over Rochester, 34-25. However, on a larger court, Rochester will furnish Hamilton with plenty of competition.

Rochester's probable line-up will be Blowers at right forward, Exter at left forward, Craytor at center, McCulley at right guard and Maliborski at left guard.

STUDENT COMMITTEE CONFERS WITH GROUP FROM FACULTY, PROPOSING REVISION OF CUTS SYSTEM AND REQUESTING FORMATION OF ADVISORY BOARD

'The Forum' Displays Student Opinion On Matter

LETTER TO EDITOR

Vandermeulen Writes About Policy of Compulsory Daily Chapel

To the Editor:

Many persons will be as surprised as I was to discover what morning chapel is really meant to be. Those whose opinions of it have been formed by the mere matter of attending the service and not by studiously perusing the Hamilton College Catalogue will find sardonically strange these paragraphs taken from the catalogue under the heading "Religious Instruction."

"The College, while under no denominational control, is distinctly Christian, and regards divine worship as a regular part of the life of its students. It avows its historic debt both to the Christian faith and to the patriotic devotion of its founders, and treats the devout recognition of God, revealed in His world and His word, as elemental and indispensable in the development of true manhood.

"As a required college exercise there is held in the Chapel each week-day morning at eight a brief service, with Bible reading, song, and prayer. Each Sunday morning at half-past ten o'clock there is public worship, at which all members of the College are regularly required to be present."

Here we have publicly and in print the policy of the college with regard to morning chapel. Nowhere else have I found a contradictory or qualifying statement. And so unless there is some gross hypocrisy or deceit somewhere, we must conclude that chapel is continued for its value as a religious service. Yet as a religious service it is satisfactory to no one.

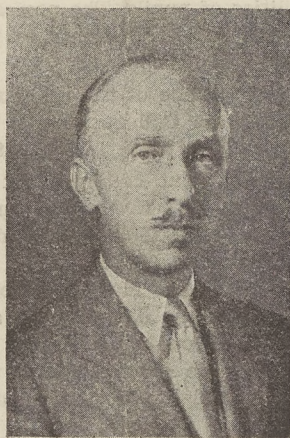
Any person who has ever attended chapel would scorn to believe that the force into which the service has degenerated could ever satisfy a truly religious person. If a man wishes to worship God, he does not relish doing so in the presence of persons who are not interested or perhaps hostile, much the less at a service where the value of a prayer or a Bible reading is measured by its brevity, and where the presence of dogs is forcibly requested to relieve the boredom of the service. A coughing, shuffling, restive group of undergraduates compelled unwillingly to attend, spoils the morning worship for those who are sincere. A further objection is also made; namely, that some of the faculty members who have almost no religious beliefs are asked to lead a religious service. I believe the college owes it to persons of religious faith to provide for them a suitable "divine worship," a thing which was in the quoted paragraphs considered so important.

But however unsatisfactory morning chapel may be to the few devout persons, much less satisfactory is it to persons who take their religion lightly or not at all. To be compelled to get up every morning and rush over to the (Continued on Page Four)

Judson B. Hall Becomes Editor of 'Continental'

With the resignation of John H. Bates as editor of the "Continental," Judson B. Hall has taken over the position of editor-in-chief. He will endeavor to continue the work of Editor Bates in improving the magazine in every way possible. Too poor to support both a literary and a humor magazine, the student body has shown increasing enthusiasm and support for the experiment which was begun last year. In the remaining issues of the "Continental," there will be a definite attempt to improve the magazine and make the above-mentioned enthusiasm and support warranted.

Choir Director



Professor Paul A. Fancher

HAMILTON CHOIR STARTS SATURDAY ON ANNUAL TOUR

College Group Will Sing on Woolcott's Program Over WABC

With its schedule of appearances including two public performances and one radio broadcast, the Hamilton College Choir, under the direction of Professor Paul A. Fancher, will leave Clinton this week-end for New York City, where it is to present its eight annual metropolitan recital.

The itinerary, as arranged by Wallace B. Johnson, manager of the Choir, starts at 1:30 p. m. on Saturday, when the choral organization of 48 voices, together with Robert J. Hicks '33, as organist and accompanist, leaves the New York Central station in Utica. Edward G. Evans '35, is this year's undergraduate manager of the group.

Saturday night the group will remain in the Hotel Woodstock, situated next to the Town Hall, where the Sunday morning program is to be given. Alexander Woolcott '09 will preach in the Sunday morning service, scheduled for 11 o'clock.

Appearing with Mr. Woolcott, the regular artist of the program, the Choir will broadcast its four-group program on the Cream of Wheat hour Sunday night at 7 p. m., over WABC on the Columbia network. On Monday, after leaving New York at 1:15 p. m., and arriving in Albany at 4:04, it will conclude its year's trip with a recital in the Albany High School at 8:15 in the evening. This last engagement has been arranged under the auspices of the Albany alumni of Hamilton College.

An extremely varied program, which is to be presented on all three occasions, has been arranged by Professor Fancher. The selections are arranged in four groups, the third one consisting entirely of Negro spirituals. The complete program follows:

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| I | My Chosen King | Bach |
| | Crucifixus | Lotti |
| | Jesus, Joy | Bach |
| II | Kyrie | Rheinberger |
| | Vesper Hymn | Bortniansky |

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Five Seniors Elected To Honorary Society

Thursday morning, following chapel service, President Ferry announced the election of a second group of men to Phi Beta Kappa, national honorary scholastic society, from the Class of 1935. The men who attained this distinction were John MacKay Cairns Jr., Edwin Melvin Clough, Stephen Charles Mahady, William Kent VanAllen, and Donald Charles Yelton. To qualify for membership a student must obtain an average of eighty-five per cent at least for his entire college course. Last June five other men were elected to this scholastic society from the junior class. They were: Joseph Donald Ahearn, John Lackey Brown, Sol Myron Linowitz, Robert William Stackel, George William Waters.

No Action Is Taken On Chapel Cuts Question

YELTON CHAIRMAN

Unlimited Cut Proviso for Outstanding Scholarship Is Included

As a climax to an undergraduate reform movement which became strongly evident last week, an undergraduate committee conferred at length with a committee drawn from the Faculty on Friday night in Truax Hall, and requested that its proposals be transmitted to the Faculty for consideration.

The most important point in question, and the one which was really the origin of the popular movement, was the question of compulsory morning and Sunday chapel attendance. The undergraduates were advised that any action on this particular part of the College program lay not with the Faculty, but with the Trustees, and that any steps to alter the present system would have to be taken by the latter group.

The undergraduate committee has accordingly announced its intention of bringing the matter to the attention of the Trustee Committee on Instruction and Government immediately, as the first step toward bringing the matter before the Board as soon as possible.

Three other requests were laid before the Faculty committee at this time, and it was requested by the students that they be transmitted to the Faculty as a body for discussion and vote. The first of these, based on the "Dean's list" plan found at many colleges, contains a proviso for unlimited cuts for all men who have shown scholastic excellence. The third and fourth proposals were for the establishment of a permanent Faculty committee to hear petitions from the students, and for the recognition by the Faculty of a student organization which would serve to bring such petitions before the entire student body, and in their approved form transmit them to the Faculty body for discussion and vote. The Faculty group would have no voting authority in such cases, but would serve merely as a channel through which all such matters might be brought to the attention of the Faculty as a whole.

After much discussion on both sides, it was suggested by the Faculty committee that the undergraduates obtain some data from colleges comparable to Hamilton from which it might be learned how efficiently the proposed reforms worked in practice, which the undergraduate committee agreed to do. It was further agreed that the three last proposals, about which the Trustees need not be considered, together with such data as the undergraduates were able to obtain, be transmitted to the Faculty at its next meeting on March 18.

The first open demonstration of student opinion in favor of these proposals was held in Commons on last Tuesday. At this time a temporary student committee of Donald C. Yelton and John R. Schoemen Jr., both '35, and Frank N. (Continued on Page Four)

Four Hamilton Students Travel to Model Senate

Four Hamilton undergraduates, William K. VanAllen '35, Halsey V. Barrett '35, Carl N. Jensen and Dennis J. Livadas, both '36, represented the college at the annual meeting of the Intercollegiate Model Senate held at Vassar College last Friday and Saturday. The object of the senate is to discuss some of the problems which are outstanding at the present time in Federal legislation. The features discussed were the federal anti-labor bill, unemployment insurance, and the adherence of the United States to the League of Nations.

The Calendar

Friday, March 1
Biology Club meeting at the home of Dr. Hess, 7:30 p. m.

Saturday, March 2
Hockey: Hamilton vs. Syracuse, Sage Rink, 8:15 p. m.
Basketball: Hamilton vs. Rochester, at Rochester.

Sunday, March 3
Chapel Preacher: Rev. Henry Hallam Tweedy, D.D., Yale Divinity School, New Haven, Conn.

Choir Broadcast: WABC-WIBX 7:00 p. m.

Tuesday, March 5
Civic Musical Society concert, Our Lady of Lourdes Auditorium, 8:15 p. m.

COURT SQUAD LOSES TWO OF THREE GAMES

Hamilton Defeats Hobart; Downed by Oberlin, Alleghany

PUGH HIGH SCORER

Season's Record After Trip Shows Six Wins, Five Losses

The Hill basketeers returned to Clinton Sunday night after a long week-end trip which included games in three states and which added two losses and a single victory to the 1935 season's slate. Thursday night's encounter at Geneva gave the Continentals their second victory of the present campaign over the Hobart quintet, Hamilton ending up on the popular end of a 50-35 score. Friday's contest at Meadville resulted in a 45-40 triumph for the Alleghany court squad, which forged ahead in the second period after breaking up a 22-22 tie at the half. Another free-scoring game at Oberlin, Ohio, on Saturday brought victory to the Westerners by a 42-35 score.

Tommy Pugh, sophomore forward, ran his season's total up to 153, leading the scoring column for the trip with 39 points. Bob Shinn followed up with 31, and Captain Weld brought his season's mark up to 136, scoring 28 points in the western campaign.

In the Hobart fray the Buff and Blue functioned smoothly in all departments of the game, being especially outstanding for their smooth passing attack. Spies, who had scored 19 points against Alleghany the previous week, again met his jinx in the Hamilton defeat.

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Hamilton Outing Club Is Formed

On Wednesday evening at the Alpha Delta Phi Hall about 15 undergraduates together with Coach Prettyman and Paul B. Williams '08, editor of the Utica Daily Press, met to discuss plans for the formation of an outing club at Hamilton.

In the course of the two hour meeting, a group was selected to draw up a constitution, and then discussion of plans for the rest of this winter took up the remainder of the evening.

The following officers were elected: President, John L. G. Smith '35; Vice-president, Fendall W. Yerxa '36; Secretary, Isaac Sharpless '37; and Treasurer, Bryant Lindley '35. Coach Ira A. Prettyman, Paul Williams '08, and Chamberlain Ferry, were chosen as the advisory board.

Although the constitution has not been voted upon, the purpose of the club at present is to foster outdoor activities in general and particularly organized skiing, snowshoeing, and tobogganing.

Membership is tentatively limited to undergraduates, alumni, trustees, members of the faculty and their families, nearby landowners, and friends of the college who live in the vicinity. To what extent either physical or financial demands will be imposed on those who wish to join, has not yet been decided.

What the club plans to do for the rest of this year is to secure permission from landowners to blaze ski trails, in the spring, and to organize for next winter's season.

Mr. Williams has kindly offered to help in promoting the club's interests, and has suggested that the members get in touch with the state authorities which are reclaiming abandoned farm land in the vicinity.

Under the normal program this land would be reforested, but Mr. Williams thought that by making sufficient connections, a community mountain such as Tassel Hill, nine miles from here, could be set aside for the activities.

If enthusiasm runs as high in successive meetings as it did in the first, the outing club will be a success.

DEBATERS OPPOSE PRINCETON SQUAD; UNION OVER WGY

Clough and Jones Defend Point; Linowitz and Handy Speak

On Thursday evening in the College Chapel, Edwin M. Clough '35, and John F. Jones Jr. '37, representing the Hamilton debate squad, opposed Schuyler Crane and Roderick H. Davison, two representatives of the Princeton Debating Club, in the question, "Resolved: That private manufacture of munitions should be prohibited by international agreement." The Princeton deaters defended the affirmative, while Hamilton upheld the negative of the question. There was no decision following the debate, which was presided over by Professor Francis E. Min-e-ka, member of the public speaking department.

In the opening speech for the affirmative, Mr. Davison stated that either the present system of munitions manufacture must continue and government monopoly substituted or manufacture must be limited by international agreement as a step toward total disarmament and world peace. The speaker attempted to prove that private manufacturers by means of bribery, by lobbies, by defeating peace treaties, purposed to incite and prolong wars.

Edwin M. Clough '35, beginning the negative's argument with a definition of munitions, asserted that munitions do not cause wars but are only an incident in the struggle going on among the nations of the earth for profit, power, and prestige. Capitalism and nationalism have become inseparably bound together in a resultant economic nationalism, which leads to international strife because selfishness. Criticizing the plan of the affirmative, Mr. Clough closed his speech by saying that if the plan of government monopoly were adopted, nations would be forced to manufacture large supplies of munitions for their own needs.

Schuyler Crane, second speaker for Princeton, proceeded to show (Continued on Page Two)

Freshman Debate Team To Discuss Education

On Monday evening, March 4, the Hamilton Freshman Debate Team will inaugurate this season's program by upholding the negative of the proposition: "Resolved, That the Federal Government should adopt the policy of equalizing educational opportunity throughout the nation by means of annual grants to the several states for public elementary and secondary education." The debate will be held at Hamilton, N. Y., with the Colgate Freshmen Team speaking for the affirmative, and Robert L. Allen, and William E. Read, both '38, supporting the negative for Hamilton. As is customary in Hamilton debates, there will be no decision.

At the tryouts held last fall, John S. Fullerton, Walter F. Cronin, Robert Allen, and William Read, all '38, were successful competitors. All of these men have had previous experience in debating and are working under the direction of Professor Francis E. Min-e-ka, of the public speaking department. Following the procedure of former years, a debate will be arranged with the Utica Free Academy, some time during April.

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SLEEPERS AWAKE!

At the risk of being scouted as puerile enthusiasts, we should like at this point to predict that the events of the past week may be of far-reaching importance in the history of Hamilton College. Perhaps we have been deluded into a false sense of the value to posterity of this revolt against the grim grey traditions and ideals which have so far proved an effective gag for all attempts at liberalism and student expression; perhaps all this is, after all, merely another tempest in a teapot. The men who have seen generations of Hamilton College students come and go will smile sceptically at us; during their lifetime they have heard many students muttering resentfully, and they have seen many reform movements like ours die a sudden death.

We cannot deny their right to this scepticism; the best that we can do is to dispel it from their minds. It is up to us of the present generation to prove to them, and to all concerned with Hamilton College, that this is not merely a drowsy stirring. We must show beyond the shadow of a doubt that the students are finally awake to a realization of their position and rights.

So far our steps in this direction have been attended with considerable success. A student committee has been chosen to bring these matters before the attention of the Faculty, and to request that a decision with reasons be given. The students have submitted a proposal calling for the establishment of regular machinery to bring student petitions to the attention of the Faculty in the future, and to provide an effectual channel for the expression of student opinion. In addition, a request has been made for the establishment of a Dean's list which would allow unlimited cuts for all sophomores and upperclassmen who have shown scholastic excellence. Both these proposals the faculty committee, of which Dr. Shepard has so graciously consented to act as chairman, has agreed to submit to the Faculty at its next meeting, and all indications so far indicate a favorable response.

In spite of the fact that these proposals were merely carried along on the wave of popular resentment of compulsory chapel attendance, their importance is not to be underestimated. The establishment of a Faculty committee to hear complaints submitted to it through a comprehensive and representative student organization formed for the purpose is an assurance that student grievances will be heard, submitted to the Faculty for discussion and vote, and returned with reasons stated for their rejection or approval. Through such a channel a petition for the Thanksgiving recess being extended to the entire weekend, for example, could be brought to the attention of the Faculty with a guarantee of its consideration. The petition for this purpose which was submitted this year was never brought to the Faculty for a vote.

But all this, of course, leaves the question of compulsory chapel attendance unsettled. This is the underlying cause behind the student uprising which has assumed such magnitude in the past week, and this is the question on which the student committee could make no headway whatsoever. We are told that the matter rests with the Trustees, thus revealing to our eyes an unbroken panorama of red tape. The prospect is anything but encouraging. If we were assured of voluntary attendance, perhaps we could content ourselves with a policy of watchful waiting, but such is not the case. We have no reason to suppose that the Trustees, after due deliberation, may see fit to discontinue this absurd institution. They are conservative men, and perhaps they do not see things through the eyes of youth. They consider, and have always considered, compulsory chapel as an integral part of the Hamilton educational formula, and in all probability feel bound in conscience to bend all their energies to preserve it as such.

Compulsory chapel, as we see it, is nothing but an anachronistic device for the purpose of tumbling students from their bed at the most inconvenient hour possible. It has outlived its usefulness; it is a relic of the horseless carriage era. There can be no equivocation about the fact that it must go, and the sooner, the better.

It is remotely possible that if we allow the administrative wheels to turn in their accustomed stately manner, we may achieve the desired results. But on the face of things it seems evident that we must demonstrate clearly that we are in deadly seriousness—that our movement is not merely a flash in the pan. Our conviction is that chapel must go, and we must be prepared to back it up.

HAMILTON PARRIES A THRUST

Nearly every undergraduate at Hamilton College has received this week a letter dated February 4, 1934, and privately printed for Mr. William A. Hoy '33 of New York City. Many undergraduates have also read another letter from this alumnus which was published in the Forum of Hamilton Life for January 15, 1935. It is not often that the scholarship standings of the fraternity groups at Hamilton College are attacked so vehemently by an alumnus. These two communications call for a definite answer.

In Mr. Hoy's letter of January 15, he speaks about the Scholarship Committee of the National Interfraternity Conference which publishes charts covering the relative scholastic standings of the fraternity groups at 166 colleges and universities. These charts show in tabulated form that the Hamilton group fell from sixty-sixth place in 1931-1932 to eighty-seventh place in 1932-1933 and to "112th place in 1933-1934."

This alumnus ends his letter with these words: "We may pray: 'Oh, Domine, fideles fac omnes fraternitates at salvam fac Almam Matrem'; but we must follow the prayer with deeds; we must take steps to rise far above 112th place. Only in this way can we prove ourselves faithful and shed a fair light on Carissima."

We propose to parry this thrust of an alumnus at the mid-ribs of Hamilton College and at its fraternity groups.

In the first place, we believe that any standard scholarship report of college group averages is ridiculous, and any resultant ranking of colleges by means of marks is fallacious. The marking systems of various colleges and universities differ radically. That the system of grading students at Hamilton is more stringent than at most colleges can be shown by these facts. Afraternity brother, who had failed mathematics twice at Hamilton, attended the summer course of a large university of some fame west of us, and attained a grade of high honor for that subject. A Hamilton College professor recently stated the case of a Hamilton undergraduate who flunked out of college, registered at another institution, and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. We know that what is necessary in order to draw comparisons between colleges is a common basis of marking undergraduates, no matter what college they attend. Numerical grading is a haphazard and chance process of describing the abilities of pupils. The professors at a few fine colleges are expected to mark down students to their true value and worth, and Hamilton is one of them.

Mr. Hoy wonders about the progressive decline of the scholarship rating of the group of fraternities at Hamilton College from a very high grade when he attended college to "112th place in 1933-1934."

In the second place, we intend to show that college work has become increasingly difficult over a period of fifty-five years. In the days when this alumnus attended Hamilton (1879-1883) the grade of high honor was set at ninety-two. According to those figures as a basis of comparison, the quality of scholarship at Hamilton College has deteriorated. However, one Hill professor who has watched sympathetically the growth of the college up through the years, says that one should realize that the courses in the good old days were scarcely more difficult than the present day high school curriculum. In 1883, all courses at Hamilton College were required, and the professorial gradings had to be lenient in order, for example, to get the dreamy-eyed esthete through the calculus and physics. One college class that was graduated about forty years ago consisted of thirty-six members, six of whom were in the high honor group. In June, 1934, out of a class of eighty, three men received high honor for the college course. Thus with the general attitude of stiffer grading, with the greater amount of subject material to be learned today in any college course, and the less number of required courses, averages for the fraternity group and for Hamilton College have dropped quite naturally.

In the third place, this alumnus asks why "the marks of your non-fraternity men are higher than those of the fraternity men." Our reply to this statement is, "They aren't!" On the last annual announcement of the relative scholarship standing for the various groups, we find that the neutrals, or the non-fraternity group are not first, but sixth on the list with an average of 76.65. Four national fraternities were above this non-fraternity group on the list. The Decagon Society, to which Mr. Hoy probably refers in the statement, was first in the group averages. The Decagon Society, although not a true social fraternity, is set apart from the neutral body of Hamilton College in that not all of the non-fraternity men are members. In the fourth place, this alumnus gives as the reason for the deterioration in Hamilton fraternity scholarship "the worship of false gods". In an address delivered at the session of the alumni association of Hamilton College held June 10, 1933, he describes "false gods" as including "the use of automobiles, excessive participation in some kinds of extra-curriculum activities, and the giving of much time to bridge and the radio and to idle conversation."

To which we reply that a reasonable amount of extra-curricular activity is necessary to a well-rounded education; that undergraduates cannot become constantly voracious book-worms; that a certain amount of recreation is necessary to the best mental as well as physical well-being of the Hamilton College undergraduate.

VIVA VAGABONDING

It is impossible for an undergraduate to plan his curriculum of courses so that it includes all the subjects that he would like to take. The normal person attempts to elect the courses that interest him most, and which are necessary in preparing him for future study of a vocation, as well as a number of courses required for graduation.

The only solution to a desire for a more complete and well-rounded education is an old collegiate custom called vagabonding. The Hamilton vagabond observes the usual rules of classroom conduct, he enters at the regular bell, and he must remain until the class is dismissed. Several interesting lectures are published on page one.

In the hope that the old indoor sport of vagabonding will be revived, we are publishing in another column of this paper the hopes and the date of any course lectures that might be of interest to outsiders.

Alumni Notes

By Professor Edward Fitch

Rev. James B. Rodgers, D.D., '85, will retire on March 1 from active service as head of the Presbyterian mission work in the Philippine Islands. Dr. Rodgers was sent to Manila immediately after the Spanish-American war, being transferred from his former station in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

On January 31 Robert B. Marvin '92, completed thirty-five years of service in the Alexander Hamilton High School of Brooklyn. He is now the only one remaining of the original faculty of the school.

Walcott Watson '30, after four years spent in business, is this year a student of history in Columbia University, giving special attention to American and British Empire history.

Miss Katharine Woolsey Stryker and Ashton Dunn were married February 22 in the chapel of St. Bartholomew's Church, New York. The bride is a granddaughter of former President M. Woolsey Stryker '72, and of the late Chauncey S. Truax '75.

Clifford A. Lewis of Troy, New York, ex-'32, was recently honored by the city Chamber of Commerce because of his civic activities. Since leaving Hamilton he has devoted practically all his time to social service in Troy. He is superintendent of the unemployment program of the Troy Y.M.C.A., an active leader in Boy Scout

LINOWITZ AND HANDY BROADCAST OVER WGY

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that government monopoly was the only effective method of control, for it is cheaper and more practicable than any other plan. Should it solve the problem, the speaker maintained that government monopoly was a step in the direction of total disarmament, our ultimate goal.

As the final speaker for the negative, John F. Jones Jr. '37, showed that government monopoly would give the masses a vested interest in war, and entail new evils, which would make it necessary for each government to have huge reserves of munitions; and it would force into munitions manufacture many small nations which now import their goods.

Hamilton's debaters traveled to Schenectady last evening to engage with Union College in a radio debate, which was broadcast over station WGY at 11:00 p. m. Hamilton's representatives, John A. Handy Jr. '35, and Sol M. Linowitz '35 upheld the affirmative of the question, "Resolved, That the several states should adopt a form of unemployment insurance."

As the opening speaker, John A. Handy Jr. offered state unemployment insurance as the best plan for the retention of skilled workers in depression times, for the reduction of labor turnover and for partially maintaining the laborer's purchasing power.

Carl Olson, the first speaker for Union and for the negative, compared the benefits to be enjoyed from such an insurance program with the evils which it would bring, declaring that its tremendous cost, its heavy burden upon the employer, and the vast confusion which it would entail more than nullified its advantages.

Sol M. Linowitz '35 presented state unemployment insurance as the first step in a definite program for unemployment relief, and stated that it would make laborers healthier and more contented, and that greater co-operation between labor and capital would result in greater industrial efficiency.

Seymour Smith, summing up the negative's arguments, declared that since all other countries and states trying this plan had found the system incapable of meeting an emergency, and that the proposed legislation left out too many important factors, that such a program was not feasible.

Beginning with the Commencement of 1906, it was required that the Trustees and faculty should appear upon Commencement Day in academic gowns, a custom which has been followed ever since and does much to lend color to the occasion.

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BASKETBALL PLAYERS RETURN AFTER TRIP

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fense machine and could sink only three field goals for a total of six points. Pugh, Shinn, and Snyder ran their successful scoring attempts into two figures, Pugh netting 8 field goals, Shinn seven, and Snyder five. Twardokus led the home team with seven points scored.

On Friday night, with the score tied at 22-22 at the half, the Allegheny quintet, led by Lubic, ran wild and successfully staved off a mid-period Hamilton threat to take the game by a 45-40 score. Lubic and Berger led the mountaineers with 12 points apiece. Weld and Pugh scoring 10 each for the Continentals.

The spectators at the Oberlin contest were the most fortunate of the week-end in the matter of witnessing excitement as furnished by a Hamilton basketball game. With Oberlin leading, 25-17 at the half, the visitors, as represented by Pugh, Weld, and Shinn, scored ten points to Oberlin's two by the middle of the final period.

The final score found Hamilton losing by 42-35.

Box Scores:

Hamilton 50, Hobart 35
Hamilton 40, Allegheny 45
Hamilton 35, Oberlin 42

Player	Games	G	F	T
Pugh, rf	3	19	1	39
Shinn, rg	3	13	5	31
Weld, c	3	10	8	28
Snyder, lg	3	9	1	19
Jones, lg	3	2	4	2
Streitz	2	0	0	0
Connor	1	0	0	0
Oregio	1	0	0	0
Millham	1	0	0	0

Sophomores Victors In Interclass Games

Results so far in interclass basketball and hockey show the underclassmen superior, and that the freshmen have demonstrated their ability as basketballers extraordinary. Basketball is in its second round, and hockey has completed its second round.

To date the standings in interclass hockey are as follows:

Standings	W	L	T	P
Sophomores	5	0	0	13
Freshmen	3	1	1	9
Juniors	1	3	1	4
Seniors	0	5	0	1

Thursday afternoon in the gymnasium a hard fought basketball game was played between the juniors and the sophomores, which found the sophomores trailing at the finish by one point. Latham was high scorer for the juniors with 11 points to his credit, while Parry turned in 8 for the underclassmen.

Do You Know That-

by

Meredith S. Conley '36

Baron Steuben gave the first public address on College Hill on July 1, 1794. The occasion was the laying of the corner stone of the Hamilton Oneida Academy.

The first graduating class of the Hamilton Oneida Academy had six members. The Commencement exercises were held at the old white meeting house in Clinton.

The first professors at Hamilton College were Josiah Noyes,

CARPE DIEM

It isn't the reading of news organs during our religious (?) services that we mind so much; it's the selection. With "Jane Arden" and "Hairbreadth Harry" as the popular favorites, we greatly fear for the future of the present generation.

The Messrs. Connor and Keeling afforded some small ray of hope, however, the former being deeply engrossed in the society section of the "Syracuse Post Standard," the later taking his leisure in the financial pages of the "New York Times," no less.

Carpe, its nose for news retaining all its old vigor, scores another scoop. We extend congratulations to the Philosophy department on the birth of Evelyn Vernor Kennedy Morgan, at Boston, Mass., on February 25.

But all this leaves the Chapel situation unchanged. We have devoted a good deal of thought to the subject, and have finally decided to issue our own ultimatum. Maybe the Faculty thinks we couldn't stage a one-man revolt, but we'll show them. Disguised behind a large black moustache, we have planned our campaign with an evil cunning. On Wednesday we shall bring a large assortment of dogs into chapel, and mounted on our favorite Irish hunter, we shall ride to the hounds, over the pews and up the aisles, with a "Tally-ho!" and a cheery shout. Swampy will probably have to resort to monosyllables to express his feelings. Thursday morning will be a letdown; we shall content ourselves with whistling "Yankee Doodle" and beating vigorously on a large bass drum. Thursday morning we shall picket the Chapel with a large sign on which will be emblazoned the slogan, "Students of Hamilton College, unite! You have nothing to lose but your cuts!" meanwhile throwing large bombs in all directions. And when Chapel is finally abolished as a result of our little demonstration, we shall pass a hat among all the students, the proceeds of which are to be applied to putting carpet tacks in all the pews.

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CONTINENTALS SCORE OVER CORNELL TEAM

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brilliant solo dash down the ice, eluded the two Cornell defense men and pushed the puck past Petroff in 14:54, giving Hamilton a 3-1 advantage. Gorham Smith finished the scoring for the period as he took the puck on a pass from Montgomery and caged the disk in 18:09.

Eleven minutes after the third period opened, Bill Jones shot the disk to Carl Ferry who whizzed it around Petroff in 11:25. One minute later a pass from Woodin to Ferry resulted in another Hamilton tally. In the closing minutes of the game Carl Ferry shot the puck away from the middle of the ice and it slipped by the unsuspecting Cornell goalie to give Hamilton the game 7-1.

Line-up:

Hamilton (7) Cornell (11)
Woodin LW Hoyt
Edwards C Guthrie
Ferry FW Simpson
Jones LD Wattles
Massoth RD Dugan, H.
Baker G Petroff
Spares: Hamilton—Montgomery, Doig, Smith, Kelsey, L. Smith, and Hatfield. Cornell—Oppe, B. Dugan, Fauver, Johnson, and Morton.

Penalties: Hoyt (C), Johnson (C), Edwards (H).

Scoring: First period—Ferry unassisted in 4:25; Jones unassisted in 13:39. Second period—Simpson (C), unassisted in 4:41; Massoth (H), unassisted in 14:54; Smith on a pass from Massoth in 18:09. Third period—Ferry on a pass from Jones in 11:25; Ferry on a pass from Woodin in 12:25; Ferry unassisted in 16:58.

Referee: Robert Williams.

The first Clark Prize Oration was given on June 14, 1885, at which the first prize was won by John Edmund Burke, of Friendsville, Pa. He spoke on "The Imagination As a Means of Napoleon's Success."

CHOIR GROUP STARTS OUT ON ANNUAL TOUR

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Go Down, Moses
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Difficulty in completing negotiations for other appearances in the New York City area has reduced the number of choral recitals usually given on the annual trip, and has shortened by one day the length of time the Choir is ordinarily away from the Hill.

HILL SWORDSMEN WIN IN MATCH WITH DREW

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times in his three sabre bouts over Herslow, Beck, and Cushman. Green also won his three bouts with the same men, 5-0, 5-2, and 5-2. Bremer, continuing to show good sabre form, lived up to his three sabre victories over the Cornell team last week by trouncing Beck, 5-2, and Cushman, 5-0. Clark, substituted in Bremer's last bout, fell before Herslow's attacks, 5-2, giving the Continentals an 8-1 decision in the sabre department, and a conclusive 22-5 victory.

NO ACTION IS TAKEN ON CHAPEL QUESTION

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McInerney, Daniel C. Vandermeulen, and David A. White Jr., all '36, was chosen to present a petition to the Faculty for the selection of a Faculty committee to confer with a group of students.

This petition, delivered to the President on Wednesday morning by Pentagon, asked that a committee of six, with Dr. William P. Shepard acting as chairman, be delegated to serve such a purpose. It was also requested that

STUDENT'S LETTER TO 'THE FORUM' PRINTED

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chapel, there to be compelled to sit and listen to what after a time becomes monotonous and boring is enough to make them seek some form of variety and amusement, be it a dog's antics or a baritone solo. I for one believe that the college by its uncompromising attitude is responsible for the restlessness and irreverence which is present in chapel.

Of course those who control our affairs may claim that a bit of religion is good for everyone, and that it is wise to compel all undergraduates to attend daily religious service. However, the slightest glance at reality, more particularly at the situation existing here, should convince anyone that the way of compulsion leads but to resentment or disgust. A very definite prejudice against religion can be formed, particularly in persons of our age, by compelling them to attend services. They begin to believe that the thing forced upon them is defensible only by force.

If, then, morning chapel fails to perform its intended function of providing devout persons with a means of "divine worship" and in

Drs. Walter H. C. Laves and Edgar B. Graves be made members of this committee, the remaining three members to be chosen by the President. Dean Frank H. Ristine, Prof. Horace S. Brown, and Dr. George A. Morgan Jr. were chosen to fill the remaining places.

At another student meeting held on Wednesday afternoon, at which were present several representatives from each of the various Hill groups, a permanent student committee was named to confer with the Faculty committee on the subject of student grievances. This committee consisted of Yelton as chairman, Schoemer, Vandermeulen, and White, of the temporary committee; and in addition John H. Bates and Hugh R. Jones, both '35, and Bryon A. Johnson Jr., '36.

fact directly offends them; if it is boring and perhaps harmful to those of no religious beliefs, as well as unpleasant to the faculty, one may well wonder what reasons motivate its continuance. Some may say that it looks well for the college to publish in the catalogue the fine statement quoted above, that Hamilton will get the respect of ministers and parents by being known as a college where all students attend morning worship. Such hypocrisy in view of existing circumstances would be clearly indefensible. Then, too, it may be claimed that the function is the purely utilitarian one of rousing and herding together the students. Such a purpose stands condemned by the paragraphs from the catalogue, "a distinctly Christian college" would not perpetuate a farce of religion for these secular ends. It may be the wish of sentimental alumni to continue what in their day was perhaps a real, sincere religious service. I believe that if these persons are not in favor of removing the compulsion after they find out what it has led to, their objections should be disregarded. After all this matter affects the undergraduates directly and the alumni only remotely.

Such being the situation, what is the remedy? In the usual Hamilton College manner we might take a series of multifarious and intricate rules to deal with the problem. We might, with considerable precedent, decree that no undergraduate shall scuff his feet, cough, sneeze, or blow his nose during morning chapel service, or that anyone wilfully enticing a dog into the chapel or pinching said dog therein shall be fined ten cents. Of course, there is an obviously sensible way of solving the difficulty if we can break with tradition long enough to try it. I refer to the simple expedient of making Chapel attendance voluntary. It seems, however, that such a proposal must be passed upon by the trustees. Because of infrequency of meetings, involved pro-

cedure, consultation of alumni, and so on, this process may take until next fall; then, if the trustees vote favorably, chapel may become voluntary in September, 1937. Perhaps it is necessary that such delay precede final action, but granting this to be true, we can nevertheless ask that the faculty take temporary measures to relieve what is obviously an extremely bad situation. The faculty has power over the allowance of cuts; let the number of cuts in morning chapel be increased almost to the point of making it voluntary. Then the present situation will have been alleviated, yet the status of compulsory Chapel left unchanged. When the trustees have acted, it will be a simple matter to restore chapel to its present state or to make it completely voluntary, whichever be their decision.

I believe that the morning outrages furnish the faculty with sufficient reasons for making a speedy use of their right to regulate cuts in the suggested manner, and hope that action will soon come.

Very truly yours,
Daniel Vandermeulen,
For the student committee.

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